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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/730,486	Applicant(s) SPINO ET AL.	
	Examiner Ling-Siu Choi	Art Unit 1713	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the Response filed January 23, 2006 . Claims 4-8 of Group I have been elected.

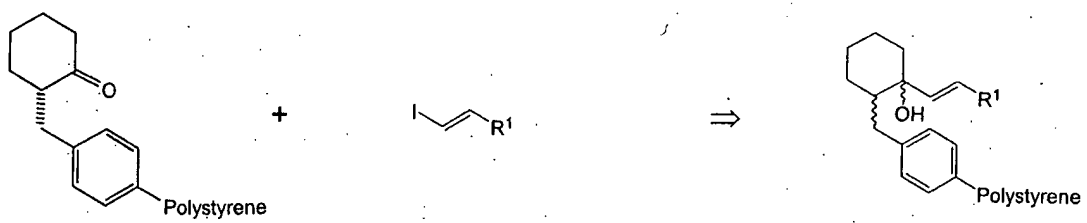
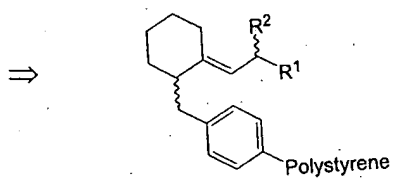
Claim Objections

2. Claims 4-6 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities: (a) Claim 4, line 6, "R1" is suggested to be change to $--R^1--$; (b) Claim 5, line 3, "(R2)2CuLi, wherein R2" is suggested to be changed to $-(R^2)_2CuLi$, wherein R^2-- ; (c) Claim 6, line 4, "R1 and R2" is suggested to be changed to $--R^1$ and R^2-- ; and (d) Claim 8, line 4, "R1 and R2" is suggested to be changed to $--R^1$ and R^2-- .

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Analysis

3. Summary of claim 4:

A method for the synthesis of chiral compound libraries, comprising	
A	<p>reacting a vinyl iodide with the chiral resin to provide an allylic alcohol:</p> 
B	<p>transforming the allylic alcohol into an alkene :</p> 
C	oxidizing the alkene

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

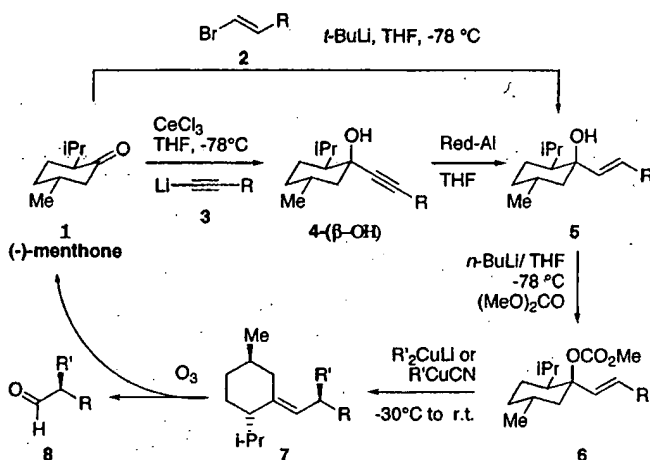
4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spino et al. [J. Org. Chem. **65**, 7091-7097(2000)] in view of Guillier et al. [Chem. Rev. **100**, 2091-2157(2000)].

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Spino et al. [J. Org. Chem.] disclose the following reactions:



wherein the reactions comprising (a) the contact of vinyl bromide (2) and (-)-menthone (1) gives the corresponding allylic alcohol (5); (b) the allylic alcohol is then converted to its corresponding carbonate (6), followed by a reaction with alkyl cuprate to give compound (7); and (c) oxidative cleavage of compound (7) by ozonolysis gives aldehyde (8) (page 7091).

The difference between the present claims and the disclosure of Spino et al. [J. Org. Chem.] is the requirement of (a) vinyl iodide instead of vinyl bromide and (b) the menthone to be immobilized on polystyrene in the present invention.

With respect to (a), bromide and iodide are analogy. Thus, they are equivalent to and exchangeable with each other. With respect to (b), Guillier et al. disclose the use of a polystyrene as a support in solid-phase organic synthesis, the advantages of using the solid-phase organic synthesis being (a) the ease of chemistry, (b) the elimination of purification steps en route, (c) high concentrations of reagents can be used to drive reactions to completion, and (d) the straight forward nature of parallel solid-phase

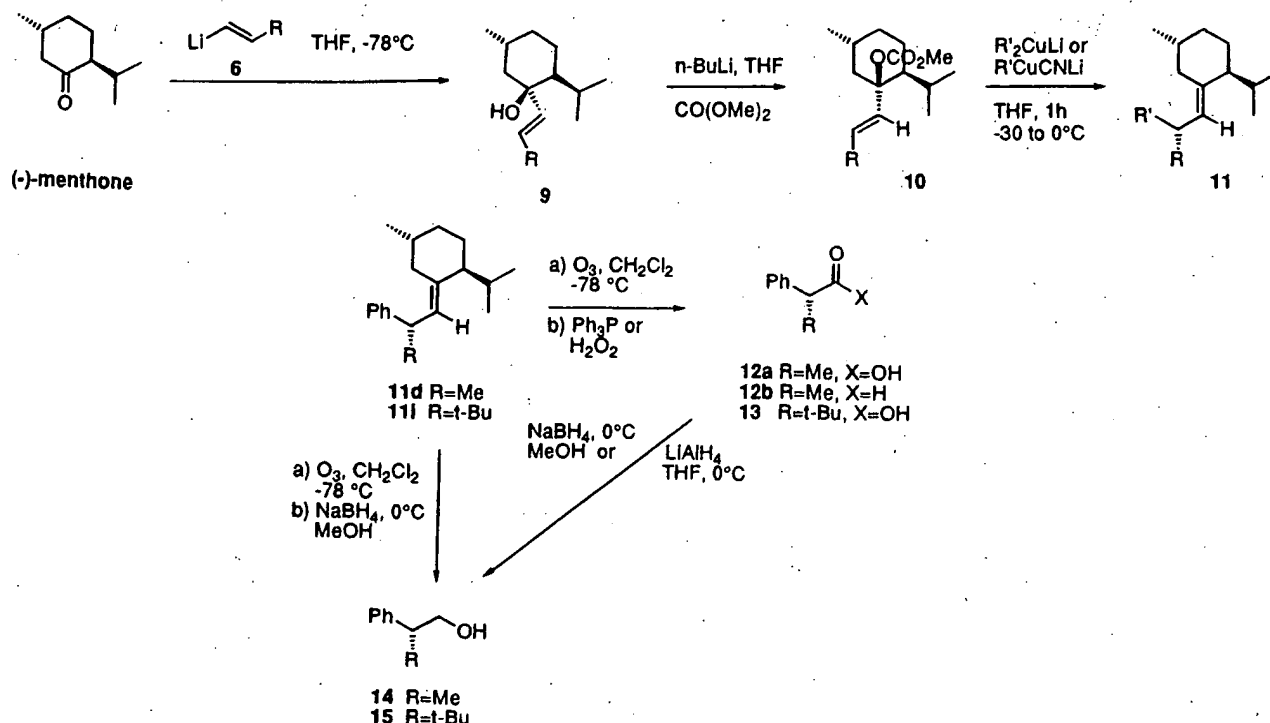
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synthesis (sections I and II). In light of such benefits, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the polystyrene to support the menthone and thereby obtain the present invention.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Spino et al. [J. Am. Chem. Soc. **120**, 11832-11833(1998)] in view of Guillier et al. [Chem. Rev. **100**, 2091-2157(2000)].

Spino et al. [J. Am. Chem. Soc.] disclose the following reactions:



wherein the reactions comprising (a) the contact of alkenyl metal [Li or Mg] and (-)-menthone gives the corresponding allylic alcohol (9); (b) the allylic alcohol is then

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converted to its corresponding carbonate, followed by a reaction with alkyl cuprate to give compound (11); and (c) oxidative cleavage of compound (11) by ozonolysis give acid (12a), aldehyde (12b), or alcohol (14) (page 11832-11833). However, Spino et al. do not teach or fairly suggest a method to synthesize a chiral compound libraries, comprising the use of vinyl iodide.

7. Two references [Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis and The Chemist's Companion] cited in IDS will not be considered because both references have not received except of the title pages.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ling-Siu Choi whose telephone number is 571-272-1098.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reach on 571-272-1114.


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March 25, 2006